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invention and the '814 patent.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Holm does not qualify as appropriate prior art under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as Holm does not disclose (expressly or inherently) all of the elements of independent Claims 1, 20, 21.

D. MARTIN PRODUCTS

The Applicant has included the website printouts for the MARTIN TRAC-MOUNT brand idlers and the MARTIN TRACKER brand belt tracking system which are manufactured by Martin Engineering. The Applicant respectfully submits that the MARTIN products do not teach a product or structure similar to the invention as disclosed in this application, but the Applicant wanted to bring the same to the Examiner's attention in case the Examiner sees something in the MARTIN references that the Applicant does not. If the Examiner feels that the MARTIN references are material to the patentability of the invention, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the same in determining the patentability of the present invention and makes of the record that the MARTIN references were considered.

D. CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing preliminary amendment, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited. Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. Alternatively should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance, they are invited to telephone the undersigned.

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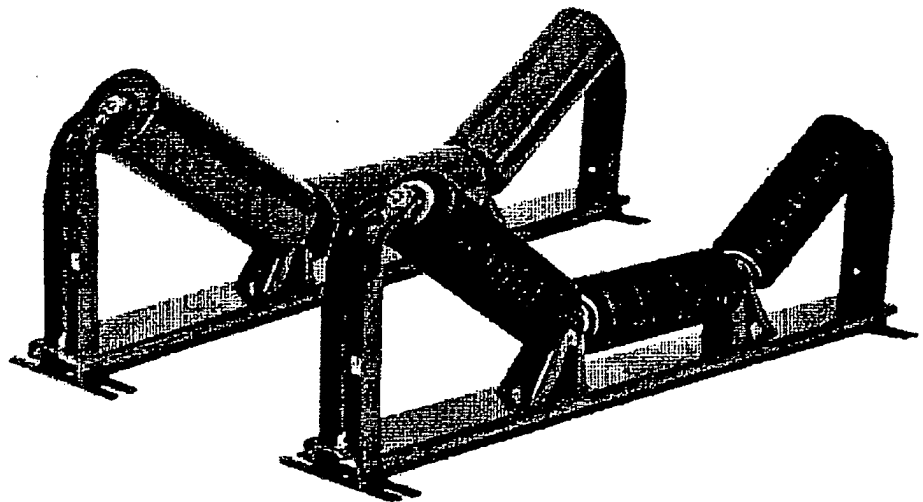
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Individual rollers slide in and lock in place from outside the belt. No more laying idler sets on their side.

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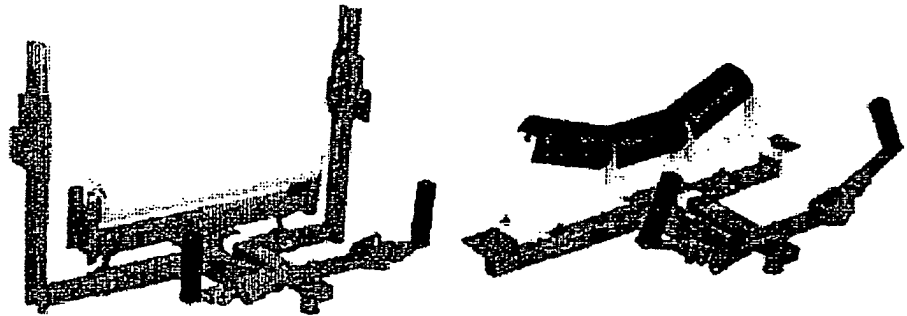
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